

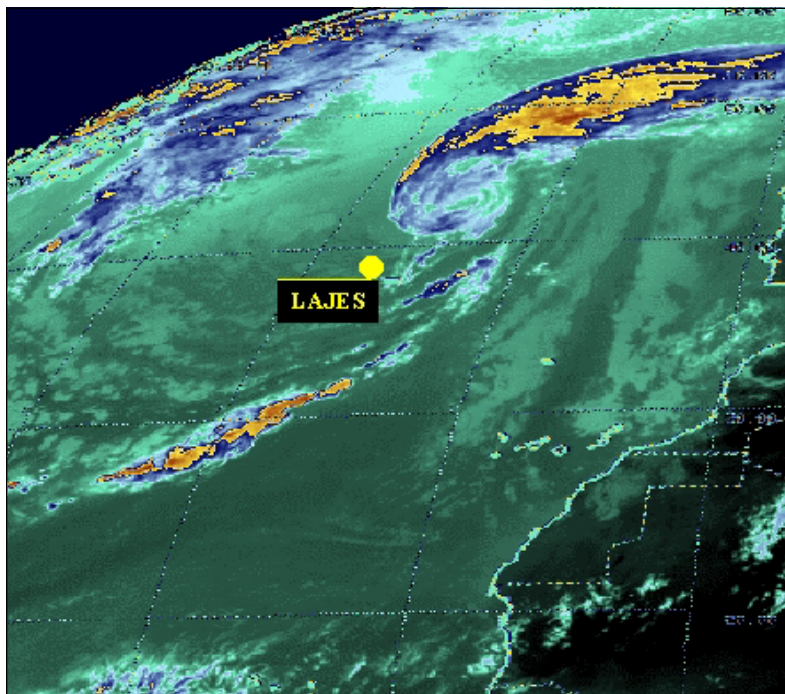
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To ensure timely and accurate information services for U.S. FORAZ members, their customers and the island community.



As of early Tuesday morning Tropical Storm Erika had moved well off the northeastern coast of Terceira. The potentially high winds didn't materialize enough on the island to cause any major damage although civil engineer crews were repairing a couple of downed utility poles throughout the night.

Base prepared for Erika

High winds, but no major damage

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

It was a tense base that gathered around conference tables and in meetings Monday morning - preparing for the worst while hoping for the best.

"Basically, we wanted to make sure we had everything lined up in case the worst case scenario came to pass," said Col. John Calvert, 65th Air Base Wing Vice Commander.

In November 1995 when "Tropical Storm" Tanya whipped through base with winds of more than 145 mph, more than \$3 million in damage was the result. And, while the base was operational in minimal time, the storm itself came as a surprise to many.

"I think we learned a lot of lessons from Tanya," said Col. Segundo Pereira, 65th Support Group Commander. "That was the

whole point of the updates on television and the warnings for the days leading up to Erika's passing. The base was ready for anything. The exchange and commissary folks got emergency supplies to the shoppette so people could be stocked, AFBS and weather worked to make sure everyone had the best information possible and our emergency teams were ready."

In contrast to Tanya, Erika left little mark of its passing. The few utility poles that were taken down were replaced during the early morning hours Tuesday by civil engineer troops ready to respond to whatever the storm had to offer.

The preparations taken by the base weren't in vain even though the storm passed by uneventfully.

"We ironed out a few processes with our emergency response teams that will be useful. Let's face it, on this island, we'll see this scenario again."

Recruiter team visits

The recruit-the-recruiter team will visit Lajes Oct. 6. The team will give a one hour briefing at the Top of the Rock Club, at 9 a.m. Interested people can learn more about the challenges and rewards of recruiting duty. Enlisted members in the grades of E-4 through E-7 with less than 16 years service may apply. Senior airmen with more than six years service are ineligible. The team may have a location in your home state. People are encouraged to bring their spouses. People who qualify will be selected on the spot. For more information, call Ext. 23650.

Closure refunds

People who have been involved in a base closure or realignment may be entitled to money by Public Law 89-754 if they owned and occupied a home on the dates listed below at or near the installations listed.

Lajes Field, Azores - Aug. 14, 1992 and/or May 6, 1994; **Philadelphia Naval Shipyard** - April 25, 1991 and/or March 12, 1993; **Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.** - June 1, 1993; and **Seneca Army Depot** - July 2, 1992.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Homeowners Assistance Program, or call (800) 861-8144 or (912) 652-5181.

CCAF graduation

The Fall 1997 Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony will be Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at the club. The 65th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Rod Gibson, will confer the degrees and give the commencement address and there will be a reception following the ceremony.

Commanders, supervisors, first sergeants, co-workers and family members of graduating students are invited to attend.



police blotter

The police blotter are true incidents affecting members of the Lajes community for the period of Sept. 4-10.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

Sept. 4 – Damage to private property, T-1572/Beira Mar Housing. Person(s) unknown damaged a member's garden.

Sept. 9 – Damage to private property, Santa Rita Hill. Person(s) unknown damaged a member's vehicle.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Sept. 5 – House breaking/damage to private property, Santa Rita Hill. A member returned to his quarters to find a broken window caused by person(s) unknown.

LARCENY

Sept. 5 - Theft of private property/secure, Santa Rita Hill. Person(s) unknown stole a car stereo from a member's vehicle.

Sept. 5 - Theft of private property/unsecure, T-333/Chase Fitness Center. A family member of a civilian reported person(s) unknown stole his wristwatch.

UNSECURED BUILDINGS

Sept. 6 - T-572/Civil engineer maintenance shop.

Sept. 6 - T-416/Hospital.

Sept. 6 - T-202/Pentagon Federal Credit Union.

Sept. 7 - T-427/Medical composite.

Sept. 7 - T-426/Military personnel flight

Sept. 7 - T-835/Storage facility.

Sept. 7 - T-307/Community center.

Sept. 7 - T-112/Top of the Rock Club.

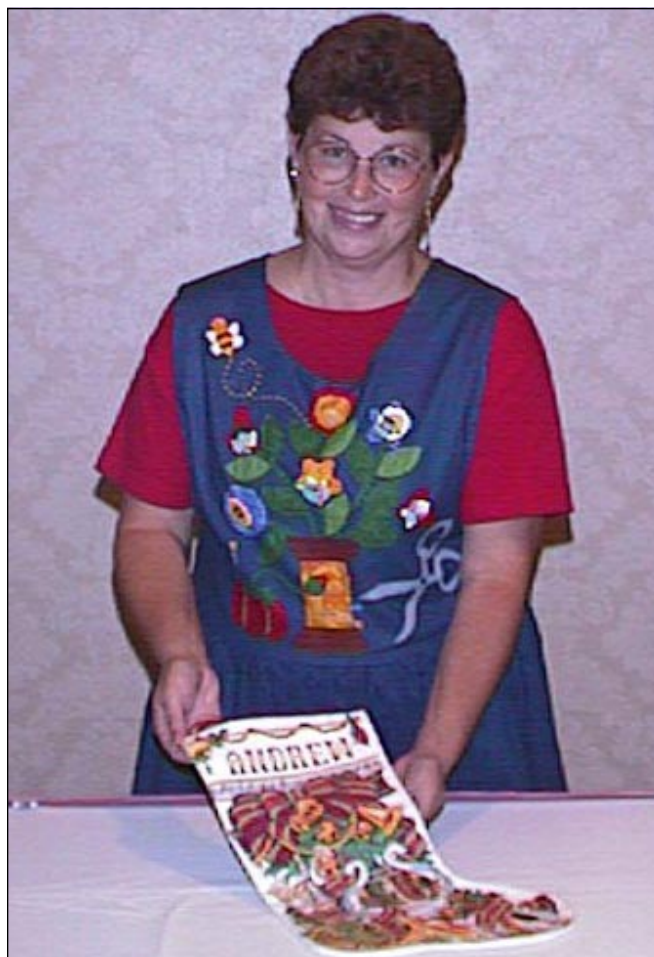
Sept. 8 – T-426/MPF

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Sept. 5 - GOV/Fixed object/on base/no injuries, T-561/civil engineering. An Air Force civilian backing his vehicle without a spotter struck a building causing minor scratches to the bumper and a foot-long dent to the vehicle door.

Sept. 6 - POV/POV/on base/no injuries, T-627/lower BX. A member and a civilian were involved in a vehicle accident when both individuals were backing out of their parking spaces and struck each other. One vehicle had a dent to the left rear quarter panel.

<u>Incident</u>	<u>Sept. 4-10</u>	<u>97 CYTD</u>
Assaults	0	7
Domestic assaults	0	3
Burglary	1	24
B&E/Sheds	0	28
B&E/Govt. Bldgs.	0	27
Larceny	2	101
Unsecured buildings	9	133
Vehicle accidents	2	60
DUI	0	3
Vandalism	1	55



Photo/Steve Jacobs

Best of show

Linda Kraft received "Best of Show" honors at the annual base Artist Craftsman Contest Sept. 9. Other winners were: Fine Art - 1st. Gordon Raistrick, 2nd. Una Clancy; Textile Art - 1st. Linda Craft, 2nd. Joyce Murra, 3rd. Cynthia Ellis-Bose; Industrial Art - 1st. Edward Dodds, 2nd. Ted Medina, 3rd. Jay Carpenter; Multicrafts - 1st. Michele Williams, 2nd. Andrew Kraft, 3rd. Barbara LeBlanc; Youth Fine Art - 1st, 2nd and 3rd., Rachel Pangburn

Lajes Team Players



Maj. Eric McKinley, Capt. Robert Mazany & MSgt. Richard Blume

65th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight - The first tri-team players - for their work in tracking Erika.

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Different standards reason for milk flights

1st Lt. Geoffrey Fischer
Chief, public affairs

Coming to Lajes Field, there are a lot of things that take some getting used to. Some things taken for granted in the United States somehow become a larger problem on an island in the middle of the Atlantic. Milk is one of them.

Between Mother Nature's wind storms and shipping and packaging problems, sometimes milk supplies are delayed, canceled or contaminated.

"If this happens you have several options - you can use powdered milk or ultra high temperature milk," said Capt. Brad Winterton, public health officer. One option not available, however, is purchasing local milk from the commissary shelves.

"We have very strict guidelines to follow; especially in regards to food products," said Col. Segundo Pereira, 65th Support Group Commander. "The local Azorean farmers also have strict guidelines but they are different from ours."

There are several reasons the commissary can't buy milk from local vendors and they revolve around product quality assurance, as opposed to product quality, said Winterton.

United States commissaries by law must only sell products that meet U.S. Department of Agriculture standards for military members and their families. In the past 11 years veterinary officers from the United States have inspected local dairies 12 times, according to SMSgt. James Metzger, U.S. Forces Azores logistics superintendent.

Findings from the latest inspection show that certain processes and procedures in many areas are

still different from USDA standards. "Until we find a way to reconcile these differences, the commissary is unable to sell Azorean milk," Pereira said.

One main difference is in how quality controls are conducted. Cows are checked both in the United States and the Azores for two primary diseases - tuberculosis and brucellosis. In the United States, milk samples are taken every time milk is deposited at collection points. This differs from Azorean policy of checking quarterly.

"Disease can spread very rapidly and undetected through a herd, hence the continuous checks by the USDA," said Winterton.

Every effort is made to ensure there is fresh milk in the commissary, according to Pereira. When it's not, one of the options - UHT milk - fits the bill for most people. While the taste may differ, the use does not. UHT also has several advantages over milk from the dairy case.

"Most people are used to pasteurized milk," said Winterton. The main difference between

pasteurized milk and UHT milk is that UHT milk is heated for a shorter time, but at a higher temperature.

The higher temperature sterilizes the milk, in essence cleansing it of all impurities — the kinds of impurities that are normally present in the pasteurized milk found in the commissary coolers, said Winterton.

Because UHT milk has no bacteria it's able to be stored at room temperature. Pasteurized milk is



Photo/SrA. Sharon Fairley

Mary Zink, 65th Services Division, picks up a couple cartons of fresh milk at the commissary. Although there have been problems recently with the delivery of milk to the base, wing leadership is determined to keep problems to a minimum and make sure everyone understands the process for getting milk to the island. If fresh milk is not available, other forms of milk, including ultra-high temperature milk, can usually be obtained at the commissary.

kept cold to slow down the natural process that turns it bad, according to Evans. When a UHT milk box is opened, it is reintroduced to those bacteria that cause it to go bad as well.

UHT sold on the island and commissary is guaranteed to be fresh three days after opening, said Winterton. The pasteurized milk in the commissary is fresh seven days from the sell by date.

Some may wonder, "Why don't we just buy our milk from the United States instead of Germany?" At one point, a couple of years back, the Lajes commissary did receive their milk from the states, said Metzger.

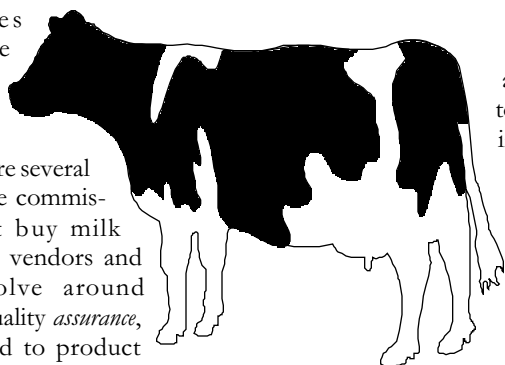
"We switched to Germany sources because we were experiencing the same problems with U.S. vendors that we are experiencing now."

Until all the kinks are worked

out, and Mother Nature gives Lajes members a break, most people realize that living on an island in the Atlantic Ocean presents difficulties not easily overcome. "The plus side is that the base community continues to handle this adversity with a positive attitude," said Pereira.

The 65th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Rod Gibson said, "I want everyone to know we're working on solving the problems that have caused milk to get too hot in transit and then condemned. We're always looking at sources to ensure a continuous supply of milk, and we're examining the process from cradle to grave to eliminate problem areas.

"An uninterrupted supply of milk is something we've come to expect in the United States and we're not going to lower our expectations here," said Gibson.



C-141 missing over Atlantic Ocean

SSgt. Amy Hickey
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AFNS)

— Nine Air Force members assigned to the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., are missing after the C-141 they were flying in disappeared over the South Atlantic Sept. 13.

Capt. Peter Vallejo, Capt. Gregory Cindrich, Capt. Jason Ramsey, SSgt. Robert Evans, SSgt. Scott Roberts, SSgt. Stacy Bryant, SrA. Gary Bucknam, SrA. Frankie Walker and Amn. Justin Drager, left Windhoek Air Field, Namibia, aboard the cargo aircraft Sept. 13 at 4:11 p.m. (local) and were due to arrive at Ascension Is-

land at 7:51 p.m. (local).

When the aircraft failed to reach the British territory located about 550 miles off the coast of South Africa, search-and-rescue teams were called in.

The C-141 had traveled to Namibia to transport Army troops and mine-clearing equipment. Officials said that missions have been flown in and out of Windhoek Air Field in the past.

American officials are working with the German government to determine if there is a connection between the missing C-141 and a German TU-154 that also vanished.

"They both went missing at about the same time and about the same area," said Kenneth

Bacon, a spokesman at the Pentagon in Washington.

Aircraft and personnel from several Air Mobility Command bases are on alert status to aid in the search-and-rescue effort if necessary, according to officials.

"Our main concern is finding the crew and their aircraft," said Lt. Gen. John Sams Jr., AMC vice commander. "We're aiding the search-and-rescue effort, providing airlift and refueling support to the search operations. In the meantime, our thoughts are with the families of our missing airmen."

An investigation board of 15 officers has been convened.

Part of Starlifter wing recovered

SSgt. Amy Hickey
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AFNS) — Part of the wing from an Air Force C-141 that vanished Sept. 13 over the South Atlantic has been recovered about 80 miles off the coast of Namibia, said Brig. Gen. Duncan McNabb during a press conference here Tuesday.

The discovery of the 2-by-3-foot portion of the right wing was made in the same vicinity where wreckage has been recovered from a German TU-154 that also disappeared Sept. 13.

There have been reports of seats and other things being recovered from the German plane in the same area, said the Tanker Airlift Control Center commander.

"There's obviously a correlation here," McNabb said. "But, we don't know exactly where the other airplane was because of poor communication in the area ... communications in the South Atlantic are questionable at best."

The C-141, which had logged around 42,000 hours and was soon to be retired, did not have a collision avoidance system; however, McNabb said that Air Force pilots are trained "to always be looking outside."

Weather was not a factor the af-

ternoon the two planes disappeared, according to McNabb.

Given the weather conditions that day, he said that the chance of two planes colliding in that part of the world would be similar to shooting off two BB guns in a medium-sized room and having the BBs hit. "The probability is very small."

McNabb said the primary concern of the Air Force is locating the nine crewmembers who were aboard the C-141.

"Right now, we are committed to locating the missing crewmembers. It is our paramount concern," he said. "We understand the turmoil everyone is facing, from the families to the squadron members who worked with the crew."

A multinational search and rescue effort being conducted by teams from the United States, South Africa, Germany, Namibia, England and France, has yet to locate any survivors.

When asked if there is any possibility of survivors being found, McNabb said, "Yes. There's always hope."

He said the aircraft was equipped with six, 20-man life rafts.

The aircraft, which is slightly larger than a Boeing 707, disappeared while en route to Ascension Island from Windhoek Air Field, Namibia.

When it failed to arrive at the British territory, located about 2,000 miles west of the southern African country, the rescue effort was initiated.

"The crew had carried some Army folks down to Windhoek as part of a de-mining exercise and were on their way back to Ascension Island," said McNabb.

A safety investigation board, comprising Air Force members with various areas of expertise, has been convened to look into the cause of the accident. The board, headed by Col. Robert A. Saunders from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., will travel to Africa, according to McNabb. (Courtesy of AMC News Service)

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Memorial for Air Force ready for dedication

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force will reach an emotional milestone Sept. 18 when, on its 50th anniversary, the site of the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., is dedicated.

"The Air Force believes it's important for a memorial to be established to honor the millions of patriotic men and women who have distinguished themselves in the Air Force and its predecessor organizations," said a spokesman. "A memorial also salutes the vast technological achievements that have made American airpower the most formidable on Earth."

For five and one-half years, he added, the Air Force Memorial Foundation has "followed an open and deliberate process established in the Commemorative Works Act of 1986." The foundation has followed the rules and received approval for a site made available by the National Park Service. The Air Force Memorial was designed to complement the other memorials in the vicinity and not detract from them.

"The Air Force strongly supports the efforts of the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish an Air Force Memorial," the spokesman said. "The approved site on the Arlington Ridge is a fitting site near other service and war memorials and it is close to the first demonstration of military flight in 1908 at Fort Myer."

To find out more,
visit the Air Force
Memorial
Foundation
homepage at [www.
airforcememorial.org](http://www.airforcememorial.org)



Photo/SrA. Sharon Fairley

Haircut with a smile

Jose Fernandes Borba, a barber with the AAFES barbershop in the old club, cuts the hair of SrA. David Hooper, 65th Communications Squadron. Although the club has moved, the barber shop will remain at its present location for the time being. Plans currently will have the barber shop move when Bldg. T-207 opens. The entrance for the barber shop can be reached from the road adjacent to the old club building and the movie theater.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

People planning on traveling to Europe or other areas outside the United States can find advisory information on different countries at the Michael Air Passenger Terminal. Country guides are also available at the terminal.

Information as of Thursday

<u>Country</u>	<u>Threat Level</u>
Turkey	High
Spain	Medium
Italy	Low
Germany	Low
Portugal	Low

action lines



Col. Rod Gibson, U.S. Forces Azores Commander, presents a Yard of the Month certificate to Larry and Ann Rocco.

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124	Dining facility	24156
Fitness center	25151	Hospital	23615
CC	25216	Civil engineer	26113
Housing	26251	CE customer service desk	23335
Chaplain	23411	Telephone service desk	119
Security police	26114	Supply squadron	23832
TMO inbound	25168	TMO outbound	24213
Personnel flight	23612	Action Line	24240

Wood hobby shop hours

I'm calling about the wood hobby shop and I was wondering if it was going to open again. I know it has been closed a couple times this week and there are several things I'd like to do there. I haven't seen anything written anywhere that the shop would be closed or where it will reopen. I know they're having a contest for the arts and crafts center and I was wondering if the shop would be available to use in order to enter.

The wood hobby shop was closed the month of August and was publicized through the media and signs on the shop door. The reason for the closure was because of the level of wood-working needed to support the club dining out and grand opening. Although adequately staffed to handle leaves and routine business orders during this period, the additional workload caused by the club dining out and grand opening resulted in the hobby shop having to close. Even though the facility was closed for that time, our staff tried to accommodate customers with the most pressing needs on a case-by-case exception whenever possible.

Kudos to the vet tech

The new veterinary technician on base should be commended. Last night I took my dog to the off-base vet to get her fixed and she had a reaction to the anesthesia. Within five minutes the base vet tech. was at my house and took my dog to the clinic. He brought her back when he was finished giving her medication and stayed at my house until midnight with my husband and totally took care of my dog. He showed a lot of compassion. If it weren't for him I dare not think what might have happened.

Quality of life isn't only in the things we receive, but often, it's highlighted and improved in the way we conduct our business. The new veterinary technician has a tough job and he's obviously gone the extra mile to provide top quality care. I too commend his efforts as well as all the members of Team Lajes who give 110 percent each and every day.

Organization of Latin Americans Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

Celebration month runs through Oct. 15

TSgt. Gerald Weaver

Vice president, Lajes Organization of Latin Americans

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of cultural awareness, and education for all United States citizens. It was initiated by Congress more than 20 years ago as Hispanic Heritage Week and it has since grown to a month long celebration.

The word "celebration" makes it a lot more fun to get involved in the awareness and education of any cultural heritage month. To stay on line with the awareness and education aspect of the celebration, we first need to define the word Hispanic.

Many people may be thinking of your own interpretation based on personal experiences or background. Webster's New World Dictionary, however, defines it as: **Hispanic**: Spanish or Spanish and Portuguese, usually a Spanish speaking person of Latin American origin who lives in the United States.

As we all know, the United States is the melting pot of the world and the Spanish people are well known as explorers of the New World who brought their language, and culture across the ocean to the Americas and Caribbean. The Americas and Caribbean are composed of four regions, they are South America, Central America, Caribbean, and North America.

South America is composed of the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The countries of Central America are Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. The Caribbean has Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. There is also North America with Mexico.

When people of these four regions migrated to the United States they all had a common bond of being of Spanish decent hence the word Hispanic. In the next three weeks we will have, along with our calendar of events, more information about some of the Countries in the four regions.

Calendar of Events

- Thursday - There will be a family dinner night at the youth center from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 3 - The youth center will have a children's social from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$2.
- Oct. 11 - The Organization for Latin America will have a heritage banquet and ball beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact an OLA member.
- The OLA will also sponsor an essay contest for school students with two \$100 savings bonds as prizes; and a door decorating contest for elementary school students. The prize will be a skating party.

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Bullfights

There are still several weeks to go before the end of the street bullfight season Oct. 15. The following are upcoming bullfights this week.

Wednesday - Porto Martins and Biscoitos, 5 p.m.

Thursday - Porto Martins, 5 p.m.

Sept. 27 - Sao Carlos - bullfight for children, 2 p.m.

Sept. 29 - Sao Carlos, 5 p.m.

Concerts etc.

The following is a list of concerts, parades and other events in the local area.

Monday - Sao Carlos, performance by Portuguese popular music group "Real Companhia," 10 p.m.

Tuesday - Sao Carlos, concert by singer Paula Fischer and the Brazilian show "Quizumba," 10 p.m.

Wednesday - Sao Carlos, rock night featuring several local bands and the Canada "Brasse Camarade," 10 p.m.

Sept. 27 - Sao Carlos, concert by marching band and folklore group, 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 28 - Sao Carlos, concert by rock bands "Between Jobs" and "Murangus," 9:30 and 11:30

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p.m. respectively.

Useful phrases

This week we'll try something several people have suggested - adding some phrases translated to Portuguese which may be useful for the American community stationed at Lajes Field, especially when traveling off-base.

Where is the restaurant? - Onde fica o restaurante?

Bring me the menu, please - Traga-me a ementa, por favor

How much does it cost? - Quanto custa?

Do you take checks? - Aceita cheque?

Please bring me the bill - Traga-ma a conta por favor

I want my steak well done -

Quero o meu bife bem passado

I want my steak medium - Quero o meu bife meio passado

I want my steak rare - Quero o meu bife mal passado

Where is the rest room? - Onde fica a casa de banho?

I'm lost. Can you please help me. Estou perdido. Pode ajudar-me por favor.

Where is the bus station? - Onde fica a paragem to autocarro?

Please take me to the Base. - Por favor leve-me à Base.

Restaurant O Pescador in Praia will be closed through Sept. 28 for their annual vacation.

sorties

Sept. 8-14
ACC - 4
AMC - 31
DOD - 9
ALLIED - 8

dui

Last DUI - Aug. 19
Days without a
DUI - 31

Appointments for vehicles to be inspected must be made in advance

Courtesy
65th Security Forces
Squadron

Many people who have vehicles needing inspection believe they can call the vehicle inspection station a day before their registration runs out to get an appointment.

The wait, however, for the vehicle inspection center can be about a month. So, people who have to get their vehicles inspected need to make their appointments as soon as possible. Waiting until the last day will cause aggravation and could be costly.

Vehicles that are less than four years old and which have been in-

spected under the old inspection process are required to receive license plate decals at the 65th Security Forces section. People who have used the previous process but need to get their vehicles inspected this year, also need to pick up plate decals.

The stickers can be picked up at the SFS before the inspection only if members are not able to get an appointment before the decal expires.

If the decals have already expired, members need to have a proof of appointment from the inspection center before pass and registration will give new decals.

For more information about

the vehicle inspection process, call the pass and registration section at Ext. 23611 or 24266. The hours of operations are Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m.

Appointments are required for all initial vehicle registrations, identification cards and ration card issues.





Precautionary stand down started after F-117 crashes

MIDDLE RIVER, Md. (AFNS) — An Air Force F-117A Nighthawk crashed Sept. 14, at 3 p.m. EDT while performing a fly-by demonstration for an airshow at Martin State Airport, 12 miles northeast of Baltimore.

The pilot, Maj. Bryan Knight, safely ejected. He suffered minor injuries and was taken to Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., for treatment and observation.

The aircraft crashed into a house, destroying it and damaging another. The F-117A was making its third pass of the airfield when it crashed, said 1st Lt. Jeff Legeer, public affairs officer for the Maryland Air National Guard.

According to national media reports, four people on the ground were injured and 10 families displaced by the crash, said Legeer.

The F-117A and Knight are assigned to the 7th Fighter Squadron at Holloman AFB, N.M. Knight is an experienced instructor pilot and has more than 2,770 flying hours, 500 in the F-117A.

The aircraft had left Syracuse, N.Y., and was performing at the airshow while en route to Langley AFB, Va. It was one of two F-117As temporarily located at Langley to support community and military airshows in the eastern United States.

Officials at the 49th Fighter Wing at

FACT FILE ON...

F-117A Nighthawk Stealth Fighter

Length: 65 feet, 11 inches (20.3 meters)
Height: 12 feet, 5 inches (3.8 meters)
Weight: 52,500 pounds (23,625 kilograms)
Wingspan: 43 feet, 4 inches (13.3 meters)
Speed: High subsonic
Range: Unlimited with air refueling
Armament: Internal weapons carriage
Unit Cost: \$45 million
Crew: One

Holloman have no indication that problems encountered by the mishap aircraft would affect any other F-117A; however, to confirm this, the 49th FW has implemented a precautionary stand down from routine flying operations. This action will allow Air Force and manufacturer maintenance specialists to assess currently available information and validate that routine flying operations can resume.

The F-117A Nighthawk is the world's first operational aircraft designed to exploit low observable stealth technology. The F-117A is a single-seat fighter and is designed to penetrate dense threat environments as well as attack high-value targets with pinpoint accuracy.

A board of officers will be appointed to investigate the accident. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



Air Force Worldview

PEOPLE FIRST

Officials discuss civilian job priority

Question: I'm an active-duty military member, and my spouse is a civilian employee on base. We're moving in a few months. Does my wife have any priority for a civilian job at my next base?

Answer: Military spouse preference provides priority in the employment process for spouses relocating as a result of their military spouse's permanent change of station. This preference applies worldwide to most DOD appropriated fund positions at grades GS-15 and below and nonappropriated fund positions at UA-8 and below.

The program is designed to enhance the well-being of military families and provide resources to maintain an environment compatible with a healthy military family lifestyle. Eligibility begins 30 days before the sponsor's reporting date and continues until the spouse accepts or declines a continuing APF or NAF position of one year or longer from any federal agency in the commuting area.

Certain restrictions and qualification requirements apply to the program, so people should request military spouse preference counseling from their servicing APF civilian personnel flight or NAF human resources office.

G.I. Bill deduction

Thousands of airmen and soldiers enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill have received surprising - but temporary - increases in their take-home pay. Computer programming deleted the GI Bill collection from September's midmonth pay, boosting net earnings by \$50; however, \$100 will be collected from September end-of-month pay.

The problem arose when new software erroneously ended Montgomery GI Bill deductions one month early for 7,161 airmen and soldiers. People affected should receive a notice in their next leave-and-earning statements explaining the pay action.



The 1997 Lajes Field Ladies Softball team:

Front: Sally Shanahan; second row: Judy Hatfield, Jona Friedman, Sara Deaver, Tara Funderburg, Tina Sweet, Tina Huber, Dawn Boseneiler, Mary Mayer, Shelly Rogers, Bobbi Kantner, Heather Dittig, Georgia Kingsley and Al Kingsley; and third row: Gary Sweet.

Lajes women's softball team wins trophy at McGuire AFB invitational tournament

TSgt. Patricia Collins
NCOIC, public affairs

The Lajes Field women's softball team traveled to McGuire AFB, N.J., Aug. 31 to compete in the McGuire Invitational tournament held Sept. 6 and 7.

While there, the team won a trophy for the round-robin portion of the tournament and placed fourth overall after teams went to double-elimination play. First place for the tournament was won by a McGuire local off-base team named the Gutters.

In addition to the Lajes team, other teams competing were from Andrews AFB, Md.; Boling AFB, Md.; McGuire; a Reserve team from McGuire; and two local off-base teams from the McGuire area.

The Lajes team, consisting of 13 women, easily won the round-robin competition taking the top place with a perfect 3-0 record. They came up short the next day, however, and had to settle for fourth place.

Coach Al Kingsley said the team played very well especially considering they only had two weeks to practice before taking their show on the road. Meanwhile, most of their competition had the luxury of having played and practiced together for many years.

"Saturday we hit the ball well," said Kingsley. "We also played outstanding defense with several of the women — Jona Friedman and Georgia Kingsley — making exceptional catches; Heather Dittig pitched well; and Tina Huber played solid at short stop. We had several homeruns hit with Friedman hitting four; Kingsley hitting one — a grand slam — and Sara Deaver hitting one. We also turned several double plays throughout the tourney; so overall everyone played extremely well and should be proud of the tournament results."

Dittig said, "We played well throughout the tournament. Saturday we hit the ball well and played excellent defense. The next day, Sunday, we didn't hit as well and that made a difference."

Friedman concurred and said, "We just didn't score enough runs. We played well, but we needed to score more runs to win. When you're playing the caliber of players we played you have to do the basics like hitting and catching and you have to do them well."

Softball wasn't the only thing on the women's mind, however. They took advantage of the time in the United States to catch up on some of the things missing at Lajes — like fast food and shopping malls.

"We must have hit every fast food place within a 50-mile radius," said Friedman.

In closing, Kingsley said, "I want to thank the entire community for standing behind us and helping us by donating at the bake sale and flea market we held as fund raisers. Through their generosity we were able to pay for most of our billeting. We raised about \$1,350 and that went a long way toward helping us succeed in the tournament."

Office closure

All services division operations will be closed Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. for a division function. Lodging and the dining facility will remain in operation.

Top Four meeting

The next meeting of the 65th Air Base Wing/Mission Support Squadron/Services Division top four meeting will be held Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. The September meeting has been cancelled.

UMD advisor visit

The University of Maryland academic advisor will be on the island Monday through Sept. 26 for evaluations. To make an appointment, call Ext. 24187.

LHS open house

Lajes High School will have an open house for parents Thursday at 1 p.m. The open house will begin in the high school gym and move on to classroom visits. For more information, call Ext. 24151.

Cottage owners meeting

There will be a meeting of cottage owners Oct. 1. The meeting will be held in the community center at 4 p.m. Details on the meeting will be published as they become available.

Volunteer nominations

Volunteer of the quarter nominations are due to the volunteer resource program Wednesday no later than close of business. For more information, call Ext. 24138.

SUM dinner

The communications squadron will host a single and accompanied dinner Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the chapel. The theme is "the last spaghetti run."

Volunteer needed

The volunteer resource program is looking for a volunteer for the 65th Air Base Wing

Call Ext. 22369

CLASSIFIEDS

busheyr@abw65.lajes.af.mil

- 1989 Dodge OMNI, 4 door, great condition, clean, 5-speed, white, no rust, passed Portuguese inspection until Feb. '99, \$1,800. Call Ext. 21310 or 28130 after 6 p.m.

- High school geometry lessons on four video tapes with workbook. Perfect for students needing extra help or home-schooled high school students. Brand new. Paid \$99, asking \$85 OBO. Call Ext. 28933.

- Cottage for sale, H-117. Two bedroom one bath, living and dining rooms, large fenced yard, remodeled bathroom, ceiling fans, new paint inside and out, very clean. \$6,500 firm. Call Ext. 28706.

- **FREE:** Three year old orange neutered cat needs a good home because of PCS. Very loveable, will pay new owner \$20. Call Ext. 26282.

- 1985 Dodge van, new tires and tune up. Needs inspection, will pass, \$500. Call Ext. 23307, Room 114.

- 1995 Chrysler Cirrus LXI, 38,000 miles, power everything, leather interior, CD player, only been on island one month, very clean. Serious inquiries call Ext. 27925 or 23157.

- Packard Bell Pentium 133, 1.2Gig hard drive, 24MB RAM, Cannon BJC 4200 printer, several games and a 15-inch monitor, \$1,500 OBO. Call Ext. 27925.

- **WANTED** - A used multi-system television. For more information, call Ext. 25177.

- Half lab/Irish setter needs a good home. Four months old and good with children and has had all its shots. For more information, call Randy or Leona Germain at Ext. 28105 or 23518.

- **FOUND** - Adorable white with black and grey kitten - only about four months old - playful, friendly, litter trained and with a purr bigger than him. Already maxed on cats and can't keep him. If he's yours, or you'd like him to be, call Ext. 28454.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.

Safety Office. Anyone interested in volunteering for this position should contact the VRP manager, Luis Faria, at Ext. 24138.

Warehouse move

The environmental warehouse has moved to Bldg. T-827 near the joint use hangar. The new phone number is Ext. 22448 or 22446.

Recycling

- The base is starting a compact disc recycling program. The discs must be scratched on both sides and all packaging may be left on the discs for recycling. Discs with classified or con-

fidential information should not be recycled. Organizations should turn in their outdated CDs to: Publishing Office, 65CS/SCSP, Bldg T-630; or Environmental Flight, 65th CES/CEV, Bldg. T573. For more information, call SSgt. Tony Liles at Ext. 25133 or Capt. Carolyn Langley at Ext. 23101.

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Pigskin picks - week 3

Scott Thomsen beat out several others on points to win week three of the Crossroads' Pigskin Picks. Thomsen will receive a Superbowl XXI mug courtesy of the 65th Services Division. Random prize winners were **Judy Hatfield** and **Barry Yohnka**, who will each receive a coupon for 10 free games of bowling courtesy of Services; and **Dave Sutton** who gets a T-shirt from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales division.

Winners can pick up their prizes at public affairs, Bldg. T-100.

Top 10 after week three:

First, Charlene Longley; second, Chris Coleman and Cornelius Moore; fourth, Daron Hampton, Debra Huntley, Jessie Miles and Antonio Ribeiro; eighth, Randy Bialcik, Carmen Gonzalez, Henry Gonzalez, Vernon Griggs, Gary Sweet and John Thurmon.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Lutheran

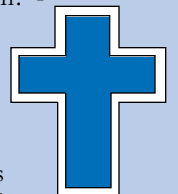
Sunday — 9 a.m. Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

"If you want peace, work for justice."

Mother Theresa of Calcutta

W COMMUNITY HAT'S HAPPENING

Talent show

Sign ups are being taken at the community center for the base talent show which will be held in October. The base show is the first chance members have to compete for Tops in Blue. For more information, call John Thurmon at Ext. 26143.

Festival of the arts

The annual Festival of the Arts will be held Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the community center. The officers wives club is asking for volunteers from the OWC to chair committees and work during the event. For more information, call Linda Mills at Ext. 542729 or Tammy Ross at Ext. 93031.

Arcade tournament

Free arcade tournament at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the community center. Prizes are given for first and second place. The next game is Thursday - Virtual Fighter.

Family support center

• Happy landings - Oct. 1 and 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is open to all spouses and sponsors are encouraged to attend both days. For more information, call the center at Ext. 24138.

• There will be a single unaccompanied tour Sept. 26 from noon to 5 p.m. at the support center. The program is open to all single and unaccompanied members regardless of rank. To sign up, call the center at Ext. 24138. This month, the SUM tour will go to Angra.

Photography contest

Entries for the annual Air Force Photography Contest will be accepted from Oct. 8 to 22. Categories include military life, people, nature/scenic, creative effects and computer imaging and enhancement. Youths and adults are judged separately. Call Ext. 25255 for more information.

Trade Winds



Saturday

Lunch: Ginger pot roast/grilled mock fillet/vegetarian pizza
Dinner: Barbecue pork loin/fried chicken/ginger pepper steak with brown rice

Sunday

Lunch: Cajun meatloaf/spicy baked fish/chicken chow mein
Dinner: Stuffed green peppers/roast turkey/smothered steak with onions

Monday

Lunch: Spaghetti/lombo de porco/roast pork/turkey pot pie
Dinner: Swedish meatballs/gingered pork/barbecue chicken

Tuesday

Lunch: Tamale pizza/balcalhau a gomes/cod fish and potatoes/New England boiled dinner

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice. Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)

Dinner: Lasagna/roast beef/turkey enchiladas

Wednesday

Lunch: Sauerbraten/jaegerschnitzel/salsicha a Espanhol/sausage,pepper and onions
Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes/Mexican baked chicken/pasta primavera

Thursday

Lunch: Alcatra/pork adobo/vegetable chow mein
Dinner: El rancho stew/mustard dill baked fish/turkey pasta

Sept. 26

Lunch: Hungarian goulash/baked chicken/ervilhas a Portuguesa/sausage and peas
Dinner: Spinach lasagna/pepper steak/rojoes/dice pork and potatoes

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• Lajes does not currently have a recycling program for glass or plastic, and people should not put these items into the recycling bins or trailers for aluminum cans and paper. The extra time required to sort these items out of the can and paper recycling reduce the savings generated by recycling efforts.

Contracts available

The 65th Contracting Squadron has several recurring service contracts open for bid for the period of Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 1998. The following contracts are open:

- Spouses assistance program coordinator
- Volunteer resource coordinator
- Microfit specialist
- Health promotions administrative position
- Aerobics instructors

For more information, call Ext. 21401 or 24254.

ESC notes

• The enlisted spouses club will have a bake sale Saturday in front of the commissary from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be used to support the base community and charities.

• The enlisted spouses club has general membership meetings the second Tuesday of every month at the Top of the Rock Club at 7 p.m. The group welcomes all spouses of enlisted members and civilian equivalents. The next meeting is Oct. 14. For more information, call Ext. 28782.

Foreign service exam

The next date for the foreign service written exam will be Feb. 28 at the American Consulate in Ponta Delgada. The consulate expects to receive registration booklets in October and the deadline for registering to take the exam is Jan. 16. For more information, call Ext. 25218.

Hours change

The hours of operations for retail sales, tool issue and individual equipment will change Sept. 30. The new hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The section will be closed Tuesday and Thursday for restocking. This is to make sure there is an adequate supply of stock on the shelves. For more information, call Ext. 23831.

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

If you're reading this and wearing BDUs, take a quick look at your sleeve. If you'd be more camouflaged in a snow bank than in a forest, it's probably time to do some shopping at your local Military Clothing Sales Store. The AFI is pretty specific about the fact uniforms must not be excessively faded.

Be happy, be safe, but most of all, be in standards. You represent all of us.

Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



Saturday

Men in Black
PG-13 (L•V)
98 min. 7 p.m.

• Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith. The Men in Black are government regulators of all thins alien on Earth. While working on several encounters they uncover an intergalactic plot.

Sunday

Good Burger
PG (Not available)
96 min. 2:30 & 7 p.m.

• Kel Mitchell and Kenan Thompson. Ed and Dexter are high schoolers working in LA at a burger place. They wind up trying to save the no-frills burger joint from Mondo Burger.

Monday

Wild America
PG (L•V)
107 min.
7 p.m.

• Jonathan Taylor Thomas and Devon Sawa. Based on the true travels of wildlife documentarians, three brothers travel across the country meeting ferocious animals and interesting people.

Tuesday

Nothing to Lose
R (L•S)
98 min.
7 p.m.

• Tim Robbins and Martin Lawrence. An advertising executive is having a bad day when he discovers his life is a life. When he is robbed he turns the tables and takes the mugger hostage.

Wednesday

Contact
PG (L•V•S)
151 min.
7 p.m.

• Jodie Foster and Matthew McConaughey. A young astronomer realizes her dream when she detects intelligent radio signals from space and becomes the first person to meet other-world beings.

Thursday

Good Burger
PG (Not available)
96 min.
7 p.m.

See Sunday for details.

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R (V•L•D•S)
121 min.
7 p.m.

• Samuel L. Jackson and John Heard. An urban high school teacher returns to the class after he is stabbed by a student and he's willing to use extreme measures to deal with student problems.

Movie show times are 7 p.m. unless otherwise listed.

SATURDAY

8:30 Kratt's Creatures
9:00 In The Zone
9:30 Nova
10:30 This Old House
11:00 This Week in Motor Sports
11:30 CNN Sports Illus.
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Matinee: The Spy Who Loved Me
3:00 Movie Magic
3:30 Wrestling
4:30 Promised Land
5:30 NAVEUR Magazine
6:00 CNN News
6:30 The Legendary Journeys of Hercules
7:30 Evening Movie: Heaven and Hell
9:00 College Football: Tennessee vs Florida
12:00 College Football: Baylor vs Michigan
2:30 College Football: Nebraska vs Washington
5:30 CNN Sports Illus.
6:00 Real Videos
6:30 Washington Week in Review

SUNDAY

8:30 Family Times
9:00 Breakthrough
9:30 Hour of Power
10:00 CNN News
10:30 Navy/USMC News
11:00 Air Force TV News
11:30 Double Feature: Our Son, The Matchmaker
1:10 Captain Horatio Hornblower
3:00 Lois and Clark
4:00 CNN News
4:30 Family Matters
5:00 NFL: Kansas City vs Carolina
8:00 NFL: Cincinnati vs Denver
10:00 CNN News
10:30 CNN Crossfire
11:00 NFL: Miami vs Tampa Bay
3:00 Wall Street Journal Report
3:30 CNN Sports Illus.
4:00 Face the Nation
4:30 McLaughlin Group

MONDAY

8:30 Bodyshaping
9:00 PBS Motorweek
9:30 This Week
10:30 General Hospital
11:15 Guiding Light
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Today Show
3:00 Big Bad Beetleborgs
3:20 Superman '96 (2 of 2)
3:40 Movie: Ducktales
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 George Michael

6:00 Sports Machine
6:30 CNN News
6:40 News Eight
7:00 AFN Evening News
3rd Rock From the Sun
7:30 Party of Five
8:30 60 Minutes
9:30 Murphy Brown
10:00 CNN News
10:20R News Eight
10:35 Living Single
11:00 Entertainment Tonight
11:30 Late Show with David Letterman
12:30 Tonight Show
1:30 NFL Prime Monday
3:00 Monday Night Football Pittsburgh vs Jacksonville

TUESDAY

8:30 The Site
9:30 Oprah Winfrey
10:30 General Hospital
11:15 Guiding Light
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Today Show
3:00 Space Cases
3:30 Afterschool Special: Over the Limit
4:30 Moesha
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 CNN Sports Illus.
6:00 CNN News
6:30 News Eight
6:40 AFN Evening News
7:00 Malcolm & Eddie
7:30 E.R.
8:30 Grace Under Fire
9:00 Millennium
10:00 CNN News
10:20 News Eight
10:35 CNN Crossfire
11:00 Entertainment Tonight
11:30 Late Show With David Letterman
12:30 Showbiz Today

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Bodyshaping
9:00 America's Black Forum
9:30 Montel Williams
10:30 General Hospital
11:15 Guiding Light
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Today Show
3:00 Casper
3:30 Animaniacs
4:00 Reading Rainbow
4:30 Kenan & Kel
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 CNN Sports Illus.
6:00 CNN News
6:30 News Eight
6:40 AFN Evening News
7:00 Suddenly Susan
7:30 Frasier
8:00 Evening Movie: Heaven and Hell

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10:00 CNN News
10:20R News Eight
10:35 CNN Crossfire
11:00 Entertainment Tonight
11:30 Late Show with David Letterman
12:30 Tonight Show
1:30 CBS Evening News

THURSDAY

8:30 The Site
9:30 Oprah Winfrey
10:30 General Hospital
11:15 Guiding Light
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Today Show
3:00 Arthur
3:30 Darkwing Duck
4:00 Global Guts!
4:30 Malcolm & Eddie
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 CNN Sports Illus.
6:00 CNN News
6:30 News Eight
6:40 AFN Evening News
7:00 Star Trek: Voyager
7:50 Reeltime
8:00 Mad About You
8:30 Newsradio
9:00 Melrose Place
10:00 CNN News
10:20R News Eight
10:35 CNN Crossroads
11:00 Entertainment Tonight
11:30 Saturday Night Live
1:00 Showbiz Today
1:30 CBS Evening News

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8:30 Bodyshaping
9:00 Burt Wolf's Menu
9:30 Larry King Live
10:30 General Hospital
11:15 Guiding Light
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Today Show
3:00 Animaniacs
3:30 Nick News
4:00 Are You Afraid of the Dark?
4:30 The Simpsons
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 CNN Sports Illus.
6:00 CNN News
6:30 News Eight
6:40 AFN Evening News
7:00 Cleucless
7:30 Friends
8:00 ABC Primetime
9:00 NYPD Blue
10:00 CNN News
10:20R News Eight
10:35 21st Century Jet
11:30 Late Show: If These Walls Could Talk
1:05 TBA
5:00 CNN News
5:30 CNN Sports Illus.
6:00 ABC World News
6:30 NBC Nightly News